

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL READERS

ATHLETIC CLUB OPEN UP LOCAL RINK WITH HOCKEY MATCH

The skating season opened on Wednesday evening 15th inst., skating being free to all. The crowd was fairly large and the ice was in good condition considering the mild weather we have had. Many old patrons were there and it was pleasing to see so many new faces. The young people were certainly in their element on the ice and it was the easiest thing in the world for them to make their own fun. Season tickets were selling like hot cakes, and intending purchasers should hurry up and take advantage of the good ice. The Rink Committee of the Wainwright Athletic Club are to be congratulated upon their hard work in making the public comfortable and as the season progresses, new features will be added to the rink's attraction.

The hockey boys are beginning to show pretty good form, but many of them require steady practice, so as to fit into each other's style of playing. This being the secret of good team work. The hockey match on Friday night against Chauvin was in the nature of a preliminary contest and was given the hockey committee many opportunities for showing their judgement and experience. Although Chauvin won the Wainwright boys need not be discouraged in the slightest degree for practice makes perfect is a real life saying.

The tiny tots who enjoyed them selves on the ice have apparently been waiting very patiently for the rink to open as can be seen by their movements, they have been building in practice on the sloughs in the neighborhood. Their antics have been made by the youngsters as to the question of the curfew bylaw, but they must be referred to the wise city fathers for full particulars. Get your skates sharpened, and come along one and all.

Miss Margaret Donovan, of Gadsby Alta, is visiting friends in town this week.

The new telephone office is now completed and is a substantial credit to the town. The Atlas Lumber Co. Ltd. through their Calgary office supplied the material for this and several other similar buildings erected through out the Province this year and have contracts for more to be erected next year.

EDGERTON ECHOES

Visitors to the district during this week included Mr. J. McLean and Dave Yule both of the Sidcup district.

Miss Vivian Wheeler has returned to her home here after completing her term as teacher near Saskatoon.

Miss Margaret Tunney of Bloomington Valley has returned home. Mrs. Chas. VanValzer was also over to our sister community.

The pupils of the Edgerton school purpose holding their Christmas tree entertainment on Thursday evening Dec. 23rd in Girty Hall. The program will consist of drills, dialogues, solos, recitations etc. A dance will follow the distribution of presents from the tree.

Miss Felix Jackson, who has taught at Killarney Lake for the past term, has returned to her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller were trappers to Wainwright during the week.

A Masquerade Ball will be held in Gorton's Hall on New Year's Eve under the auspices of the Women's Institute. Everybody come and dance the old year out and the new year in.

Prosy weather makes us better able to realize that Christmas is near.

Many Christmas trees have arrived in the village during the past few days.

WEDDING BELLS

STUART-HOLLAR

A quiet wedding took place at Grace Methodist parsonage on Thursday afternoon last, when Florence Louise Hollar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hollar of Kinross, was married to Mr. Ernest Stuart, a returned-soldier settler of Kinross. The Rev. N. E. Priestley performed the ceremony.

BEATTIE-EWING

On Wednesday morning, December 15th at 10 o'clock, there was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Newton Tweedie Beattie of Wainwright and Miss Elizabeth Jane Ewing of Glasgow, Scotland, the wedding taking place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Church north of town.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. Clifford Church, looked charming in a gown of white crepe de chene, trimmed with white net, she wore a bridal veil and orange blossoms, and her bouquet was of lilies of the valley and white heather. Mr. Charles C. Church was groomsmen while Mrs. Charles Church acted as bridesmaid, and also played suitable music both before and after the ceremony. The Rev. E. H. Maddocks, pastor of Edgerton was the officiating minister.

After the rites had been performed the company sat down to sumptuous wedding breakfast. Among the guests being Mr. Robert Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Church, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Church, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. John McLellan, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sheridan, Mr. Donald McEwen and the Rev. E. H. Maddocks.

MOISTURE NEEDED FOR CROP RETURNS

At the conference on soil fertility and soil fibre held at Winnipeg under the auspices of the Commission of Conservation, the fact was emphasized that moisture is undoubtedly the limiting factor in crop production in Western Canada.

Prof. John Bracken, president of Manitoba agricultural college, in speaking at the conference said: "So long as moisture limits the yield of the crop nothing else will increase it." A chain is as strong as its weakest link. There are links in the problem of crop production. One of these links is moisture; another organic matter; another, plant food. The weakest link is moisture and it will not strengthen that chain any if we strengthen some other link. We have to strengthen the weak ones first, and as we strengthen the weak ones, we strengthen the whole.

"The wealth of a dry country is determined not by the amount of land, not even by the amount of water that falls on the land, or by the amount of water that falls on the land and is saved there and used by growing crops. As a matter of fact the water that is used in producing sugar, under the present system of farming is largely wasted. We must build up a system that will utilize that by-product, which at the present time is using over one-half of the moisture that we store and conserve in the soil.

"Another fact is this, that the precipitation varies very largely from year to year and from season to season, and because of that we will have to diversify our cropping system. It has been pointed out and should be emphasized, that Western Canada is first and foremost a cereal-producing country; occasionally the precipitation comes in the early part of the season, with the result that cereals partly or wholly fail. By diversifying our cropping system we can reduce this risk.

After a prolonged holiday in Toronto Miss E. Gibson returned on Friday last to take up residence with her niece Mrs. A. E. Mills.

After a visit to friends in Calder Mrs. W. Yeager returned home on Monday.

A Christmas Message From the Churches

BY THE REV. HENRY WILSON

Vicar of St. Thomas' Anglican Church

Christmas keeps clearly before us the Song of the Angels—"Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace, Goodwill toward Men." That was the first public preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and its keynote was "Peace."

Its first announcement was in this angelic visit and in that angelic Gospel of great joy to the shepherds who were watching in the fields, where the Patriarchs had led their flocks. The angels' hymn of praise was the first news to the world that its Saviour had come. On earth peace was what the angels saw of special significance to mankind in the glad tidings which they announced.

It was a message of peace; may we graft it into our lives and actions, riding us of all those miserable, these amazing, littleness, so mean yet so fatal—the jealousies, the irritability, the guilty selfishness—or by whatever fine names we may call them, to which we so wantonly sacrifice this Christmas message of peace.

BY THE REV. J. B. THOMPSON

Pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

If the birthday of the humblest child lights up the poorest cottage, if the birthday of a prince shakes the whole country festive, what a thrill of joy should the birthday of the Son of God send from end to end of Christendom!

As Christmas Day draws near we think again of the angels' song, and the coming into this world of the Son of God.

They all were looking for a king.
To slay their foes and lift them high.
Then came a little baby thing,
That made a woman cry.

And then He came—the Saviour of the world—whose message was not for one age but for all ages; not for one class but for all classes. He had been the inspiration of artists like Highman Hunt, and of versatile geniuses like Leonardo—artist, architect, engineer and mathematician. He has also fired the special classes of reformers like Savonarola and Shaftesbury—masters of men and movement. But the out-standing distinct on the Christian religion is that it has flung its splendour on the meadows where shepherds toiled, and where men and women labor for their daily bread.

Again, His coming means Salvation in all its fullness. We can say "He is here"—that is the message of Christmas, working out his purpose among the sons of men. You have heard the Christmas story since a child, and Christmas hymns were not inspired by you; but it is all heavy mud you have made it your own by the story for yourself that it is true.

Never be satisfied with Christmas as a sentiment. Press forward to verify it as a revelation, as an experience.

"Unto you is born a Saviour," will you put your name, and your hand, and your heart to it? Will you let it be as true to you as it was to the shepherds who were among the first to find it out?

BY THE REV. NORMAN F. PRIESTLEY

Pastor of Grace Methodist Church

Once again the rolling year brings Christmas time around; and, if we take life seriously at all, our minds run back to that event of history, which distinguished the season from all others—the manger cradle at Bethlehem.

Many will return from the far-away to the joys of the old home; many will enjoy the quiet of the winter holiday; many will receive gifts; many will run the social round and never give a thought to Jesus—the "stable-born child." Yet across the centuries there comes to sin-cursed, money-mad, pleasure-crazed, pain-weary work-worn humanity that message of love and hope—the angels' song, "Glory to God and on earth peace."

Shall we not hope and pray and work, that some day men will translate into life the thought of that song, and that the extremes of life shall meet, and that there shall be no more contrast of palace and stall?

The spires of a myriad churches point heavenward Chime and carol will ring out from beneath them to celebrate the coming of the Christ-child. May the season be one of "Purity Truth and Love."

Wishing the readers of The Star all the best things life can bring this Christmas and during the coming year.

MY CHRISTMAS BURGLARY

AN APPROPRIATE STORY FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

I had come, with high expectations, for Mr. Felix, a bachelor of sixty-five, was reputed to have made for thirty years this particular cabinet his idol. Any nabob or millionaire can collect Mr. Felix, being moderately well-to-do, had selected. He would have none but the best; and the best lay stored delicately on cotton-wool, ticketed with the finest hand-writing, in a nest of drawers I could have unlocked with a hair-pin.

The topmost drawer contained scraps of which I am no connoisseur; the second some two dozen intaglios, and of these by the light of my bull's eye lantern I examined five or six, before sweeping the lot into my bag—Europe and the Bull, Gaumede in the eagle's claw, Agare carrying the head of Pentheus, Jesus with relaxed wing dropping head-long to a sea represented by one wavy line, each and all priceless, left it. Outside, in the windless

frigid night, the snow on the house-roofs sparkled under a winter moon now near the close of her first quarter. But though the night was windless, a current of air poured into the room, and had set a flame dancing in the fireplace where, three minutes ago, the sea-coal had held but a feeble glow, half sullen. Down stairs, in some distant apartment, fiddles were busy with a waltz tune, and a violinist kept the beat with a low thudding pizzicato. For Mr. Felix was giving a Christmas party.

I turned from this luscious glance to pick up another snuff-box. As my fingers closed on it the music suddenly grew louder, and I looked up as the door opened, and a man stood on the threshold—in short, a stout, set man, dressed in black.

"Eh?" He gave a little start of surprise. "No, no, excuse me, my (continued on page 2)

IN MEMORIAM

In proud and loving memory of Robert Scofield, eldest and dearly beloved son of Arthur and Mary Scofield, who died December 23rd, 1919.

Just when his hopes were brightest,
Just when his life seemed best;
God called him up to heaven
To his eternal rest.

If we could have raised his dying head,
Or heard a last farewell,
The grief would not have seemed so hard.

For those who loved him well,
Inspired by Father, Mother, Brother
and Sister:

FIRES TOO FREQUENT

It would seem that no matter how much is said regarding precaution against fires, they will continue their career of destruction. Hardly a day passes that we do not hear of some more or less destructive fire in some part of the country. It looks as if people generally put too much confidence in fire-proofing apparatus without the assistance of precaution. The number of chemical or other appliances to safeguard property from fires is growing every year, but there does not appear to be a reduction in the number of places burned. What the country needs mostly, from all appearances, is fire-protection and not fire cure. There is, in very many instances, too much chance taken!

Give the kiddies a Xmas tree! See H. A. Clute at the Imperial Lumber Co. all sizes 22-12c

MONTHLY REPORT OF HOLMSTEAD SCHOOL

Report of Holmstead school for term ending December 31st 1920, names in order of merit—

Grade VIII.—Robert Patterson.

Grade V.—Douglas Jackson, Violet Muncester, Beth Lewis, Fred Birles.

Grade IV.—Gerard Rajotte, Walter Woods, Frank Woods, Therese Rajotte, Janet Karl.

Grade III.—Geoff Muncester, Philip Rajotte, Melvin Michael, Mary McIntee.

Grade II.—Charles Cousins, Bruce Wilson, Archie McDougall.

Grade I.—Alice McIntee, Margie McDougall, Ver. Michael, Josephine Michael, Belle McIntee, Ferna Rajotte.

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MYSTERY SURROUNDS STORY OF ONE OF THE BLOOD

"It's too good to give away," said Bill Brunker of the Elite theatre when he was asked to tell the story of Douglas Fairbanks' big feature for Friday and Christmas day.

"I'll let this much of the secret out: 'Doug' plays the part of a young American who simply can't keep his hands off a girl. He takes a hand in all sorts of situations which lead him all over the world. We find him first in New York where he tries to show the Fire Department how it should be run. We find him later in Mexico showing the bandits what they don't know about their business and when we find him butting in on the affairs of a little principality in Europe. It is the jolliest mix-up you have ever seen in your life.

An idea of the enormity of the production can be gathered from the fact that \$40,000 was spent on the creation of a set of a little French town complete.

Another city of a Mexican nature was built in the hills surrounding the studio.

I do not want to say anything more at this time except that we have got a genuine treat for our audiences when we show them 'One of the Blood'—"

REV. D. MCQUEEN AT ANNIV. SERVICES ST. ANDREWS CHURCH

The Presbyterian church is to be congratulated on the great success attending their anniversary services.

The visit of Dr. McQueen was looked forward to not only by the members of the church, but by the town generally.

The large congregation that assembled in the theatre for the evening service bore testimony of the popularity and esteem in which the Rev. Dr. is regarded by people of all denominations. His message was not only timely but we felt that behind the spoken word there was depth and sincerity. This was his first visit to Wainwright but we believe that he will be seen and heard on many another occasion. The choral anthems by the choir; the choral Anthems by the choir; the soloists being Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mrs. C. Church, Mrs. Huntingford and Mrs. Carsell.

We believe this is the most successful anniversary service ever held in connection with St. Andrew's and the offerings for the day constitute a record.

ALBERTA EXHIBIT AT CHICAGO

In the case of the Department of Agriculture's exhibit at the Fat Stock Show, at Chicago, we have one more instance of an arrow shot into the air. What the results will be, only time will tell. The exhibit occupied a large corner on the main floor at the entrance to the Arts Building and was continually surrounded by a throng eager for information about Western Canada. The exhibit itself took the form of different samples of our grain, grains in addition to the bulk grains thousands of small packages of prime seed were made up and added to those interested. In addition to the common grains, seed of different varieties were shown. These included white beans, linen flax, three varieties of corn, Grimm's alfalfa, bromegrass, ryegrass and timothy. The natural resource exhibit contained anthracite, domestic and steam coal, crude oil and salt.

A fitting background was provided for the exhibit by a selection of seed grains and grasses, specimens of Alberta big game were gracefully grouped about, and the walls decorated with pictures of western scenery. As one enthusiast said: "This is about as good as a trip to Canada."

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GILT EDGE GOSSIP

A special meeting of the local U.F.A. was held last evening in the schoolhouse for the election of officers. At the conclusion of this business a very interesting discussion took place regarding the petition for a tri-weekly rural mail service between Hope Valley and Wainwright, a committee being appointed to go into the matter.

Another project on the tapis was the formation of a live stock association along the lines of the one which is being so successfully conducted at Vermilion.

SCHOOL BOARD IS ELECTED

On Wednesday last, the returning officer sat to receive nominations to fill the four vacancies on the school board for 1921, and so little interest or excitement prevailed that at the close of the legal time-period the seats were declared filled by acclamation as follows:

For two-year term—Messrs G. C. Boyd and N. S. Kenny.
For one-year term—Messrs J. W. Stuart and W. E. Washburn.



TOP OF MT BLANC SLIDES OFF: AVALANCH SWEEPS FOR TEN MILES

The top of Mt Blanc fell off a few days ago and started an enormous avalanche, which rolled down into Italy along the gorge of the Brenva Glacier, destroying in its course the whole forest of Peutud. The origin of the avalanche was unknown until November 27th, 1920, when the weather cleared, and powerful telescopes were brought to bear on the mountain. Then it was found that part of the limestone pyramid which forms the summit of the greatest

mountain mass in Europe had split and fallen. It looks as if several score feet had been taken from the height of the mountain, which is given in books of reference as 15,782 feet in its extreme height.

HOW TO SECURE A TRAVELLING LIBRARY

What They Are

Travelling libraries are small collections of books which are sent by the Department of Extension from one community to another. They are maintained by the Provincial University and circulate from the offices of the Department of Extension of the University, free of all charge except the cost of transportation upon receipt and return of each library.

The libraries are made up of the best popular books in English for adults and children. About two-thirds of each library consists of fiction, the remaining one-third of general literature, including essays, poetry, history, travel, biography, art, and science. Study libraries on special subjects will be prepared upon request.

The travelling libraries are intended for farming committees and small villages not enjoying public library privileges. They are shipped in strong hinged cases, and are accompanied by supplies necessary for keeping records of circulation. When the people of a community have read a library, it is returned to the Department where the books are checked up, records of their circulation taken, etc., and then it is sent on to another community.

How to Obtain a Library

To secure a travelling library for a farming committee of a village too small to support a public library, ten responsible citizens should make application on the blank furnished by the Department and select a responsible person to care for the library.

How Used

The books of the travelling library must be loaned without

charge to any person in the community who will observe the rules made by the Department of Extension. Before a borrower is allowed to take his first book he must read the rules printed on the index card of each book and sign a register indicating his willingness to observe those rules. Unless freight charges are otherwise provided for, small contributions may be received from borrowers. Libraries must not be kept longer than four months without special permission.

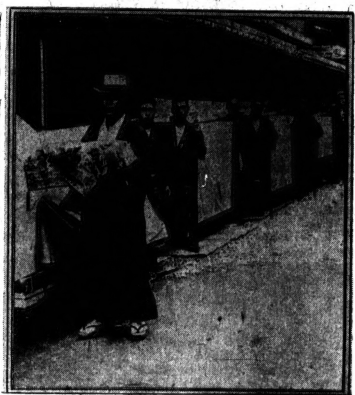
On request, an extension of one month may be granted.

Where Kept

The travelling library should be kept in the most centrally located and most easily accessible place than can be found. The local post office is usually the best place but it may be placed in the general store, or in a private residence, and should, if possible, be accessible continually or at frequent intervals. The library should not be located in the school house if any other place can be found; for the reason that the school house is closed evening and during long vacation periods, and adults do not usually patronize libraries so located.

We met a farmer on the street yesterday and we said, "Well, how is the world using you these days, farmer?" "Well," he said, "To tell you the truth it is using me as well as anyone else. The fact is I am not worrying. Couldn't make better weather than this if I wanted to, and as for the world-wide situation, it's in the hands of a higher power and I must accept it hoping for better things later on. That is sound philosophy."

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JAPANESE WEDDING CEREMONY

This shows a bride's furniture the bridegroom's house. Those and effects carried by her servants things are generally sent on the and acquaintances on the way to previous to the wedding

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He was crossing to the fireplace but wheeled about sharply at the sound of my voice. "Eh? an educated man, apparently?" Laying the pistol on the mantelpiece, he picked a soiled, ball of paper from a rag-bag by the stove, stooped, ignited it from the flame dancing in the sea-coals, and proceeded to light the candles in an old-fashioned, edgewise, that overlooking the fireplace. There were five candles and he lit them all.

They revealed him a clean-shaven, white-haired man, muscular, dressed in black-black, black-cloth, open waistcoat, and filled shirt, on which his handkerchief must have spent hours of labor, already fitting black knee-breeches, black silk stockings, black gaiters, etc. They also revealed, too, in the moment before he swung round on me, an enormous nose, like a minchinello's, and the outline of a shapely head, sufficiently massive to counterbalance the nose, and to fit the caricature. The size of the head again would have suggested deformity, but for the broad shoulders that carried it. As he faced me, squarely with his back to the hearth, his chest and shoulders narrowing to the hips of a runner, and still narrowing (though he stood astraddle) to ankles and feet that would not have disgraced a lady, he put me off for a moment. I had seen years before, facing his bull in a ring at Seattle. The freight behind them emphasized the neat outline of his legs.

He carried a black coat on his left arm, and in his left hand an opera hat, pressed flat against his left side. In closing the window, in finding and producing the candles, he had used his right hand on the door.

"A gentleman?" he asked, contracting his brows and eyeing me. "Well," said I, with an uncomfortable, nervous laugh, "but it's not my business, so in the future, if it was the situation, possibly you are one of those who mix up the name with moral conduct."

"To some extent," he answered without seeming to interrupt. "Everyone does, I fancy." "At any rate I don't challenge it," said I. "But you may, if you will, call me a man of some education. I was at Magdalen once, but left Oxford without taking my degree."

"Ah!" he inclined his head a little to one side. "Cards?"

"Certainly not," I answered with heat. "I own that appearances are against me, but I was never that kind of a man. As a matter of fact, I happened over a horse."

He nodded. "So you, too, though you won't challenge the name, have to make up your mind with your disposition." We draw the line variously, but every one draws it somewhere. "Magdalen, hey? if I mistake not, the Magdalen of Magdalen-including, perhaps, some who were undergraduates with you—are assembled in the college hall at this moment to celebrate Christmas, and hear the choir sing Peregile's Gloria."

"The reminder hurts me," said I. "—if that be any gratification to you."

"A sentimental?" Mr. Felix's eyes twinkled. "Better and better! I have the very job for you, but we will discuss that by and by. Only let me say that you must have dropped on me, just now, from Heaven—you really must."

"But please don't make a practice of it if I have invested in much as you do, and only have in vested more. I have, for instance, which you were handling a moment ago, at one stage in its history it cost as much as the best of the two hundred millions of money."

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FRIDAY DEC. 31st
(New Year's Eve)

at the
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COMMENCING AT 8 P.M.

Full Orchestra Good Lunch

TICKETS—\$2.50 per couple; extra lady, \$1.00; may be obtained at both Drug Stores and both Hardware Stores.

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All returned men are requested to wear uniforms where possible

Redwell, the shoe-man, has now installed his new power skate sharpener and is waiting to give you service. Get 'em keened up!

PUBLIC NOTICE

WAINWRIGHT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 1658.

It is particularly desirable in the interests of all concerned that parents wishing to start their children at school at the New Year, assist the Board by having them attend for registration on the FIRST DAY of the school opening—Tuesday, January 4th. By order,
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CHRISTMAS

IT IS at this season of the year when we feel that we can truly say with the famous Dickens, "I have always thought of Christmas as a good time; a kind forgiving, generous, pleasant time; a time when men and women seem by one consent to open their hearts freely and so I say 'God Bless Christmas'."

"A Merry Christmas, Bob!" said Scrooge, in a voice that could not be mistaken. "A merrier Christmas, Bob, my good fellow than I have given you for many a year!" And he clapped his clerk on the back. Old Scrooge never changed his mind. He became as good a friend, as good a master and as good a man as the old city knew. Some people laughed to see the alteration in him, but he let them laugh and little heeded them. His own heart laughed, and that was quite enough for him. He had no further intercourse with spirits, but it was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us all as it is! And so, as Tiny Tim observed: "God Bless Us, Every One!"

THE EDITOR

FINANCING
THE FARMER

"The financing of the Western Farmer during periods of short crops and long credits has always been a serious consideration. Yet assistance has been necessary in the new districts to prevent the new settler going broke."

The provincial treasurer reports that the province has become responsible for about three and three-quarter millions of dollars for seed grain advanced by municipalities to farmers in the present and past seasons, and has directly advanced seed to farmers in unorganized districts to the extent of three-quarters of a million more. That is a total obligation of four and a half millions for which the province stands ultimately liable, incurred on account of seed grain loans. In the matter of helping themselves, it cannot be claimed that the Government and the Legislature have been other than generous.

Generous not only to the farmers, but to the people of the province generally. Lending seed, or the price of it, to a farmer who has none at seeding time, and no means of getting it, is undoubtedly a favor to him and his family. Had this not been one, and done on a pretty large scale during the last three or four springs, some thousands of farmers would in all probability have "gone broke," had to abandon their holdings, and suffered the loss of the accumulated savings of years.

But the favor conferred upon farmers is none the less a favor conferred upon every person whose interests are dependent upon the farmer's prosperity and in this province, practically every one is included in that catalogue. Farming is the basic industry in the province. It is the one which makes all others possible; it cannot prosper without creating the opportunity for prosperous business along every line; cannot languish without bringing hard times in the towns and cities also.

CHAUTAUQUA
CONTRACTS

With the advent of a winter as well as a summer chautauqua, into a good many towns, the form of contract, and the manner in which business between the local people and the chautauqua organization is done, should come in for some consideration. This is the way a chautauqua is booked. A young lady will arrive in town and commence to canvass the business men to obtain sufficient guarantors for the chautauqua. A contract is produced and signed by ten or more men, separately and with out any opportunity of discussing what kind of contract they are signing. The first man signs it because it appears good (and under better conditions is good). The second man not wishing to be a poorer citizen than the first one signs it also, and so it goes right along down the line. It should not be forgotten that

these men are doing a public service, bonding themselves so that good entertainment can be brought in, in addition to imposing on themselves a great deal of work, selling tickets etc. etc. For this reason alone the chautauqua should be supported.

From time immemorial people have craved diversion from the ordinary things of life, and in some form or other have provided themselves with entertainment. This age is no exception and it is only a question whether we will have a chautauqua or a succession of road shows. Of the two, the chautauqua is preferable, as generally the talent is good and refined.

The main point, then, is under what or rather whose conditions shall we have it. Under conditions that altogether favor the chautauqua people and dictated by them, or under conditions that altogether favor us and dictated by us, or a contract that re-

cognizes the rights of both parties. The present form of contract is made up by the chautauqua people and favors them. They provide practically nothing but the performance of the program, distributing, erecting, tearing or doing the work, selling tickets, furnishing hall, keeping date, etc. all of it gratis—all this in addition of an absolute guarantee of a certain number of people, which tickets are sold or not in their hands under no conditions can the chautauqua people lose but the local people run a dozen chances of losing. The guarantee is all right. No organization can be doing the high class talent to small towns without a guarantee, and as far as good judgement permits the bringing of good talent is to be encouraged. But this is about where it should end. The work should be done by the chautauqua organization or paid for by them. Surely when we sell the tickets to their performances we have done the fair thing. We should not be required to erect tents, provide seating, hire halls, and take a \$1000 minimum and so on, and so on, as long as it brings good entertainment and presents a reasonable contract to be signed, and above all sees that all debt incurred in each town visited are paid fairly and squarely.

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CHURCH NOTES

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN
Services on Sunday next at 11 a.m.—Communion service. Giving to this being Christmas week there will be no preparatory service.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m.—Sunday school Christmas tree; program of drills, dialogues and choruses will be given by the children.

Presbyterian service at Park Road school at 3 p.m.

ST. THOMAS'—Anglican
Services on Saturday next—Xmas Day.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Christmas service and Holy Communion.

On Sunday next, December 26th 10:30 a.m.—Matins.
11:30 a.m.—Sunday school.
7:30 p.m.—Evensong.

ST. PATRICK'S (Heath)
On Sunday next, December 26th 3 p.m.—Christmas service and Holy Communion.

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Combined morning service and Sunday school at 11 a.m. Bible class conducted by the Rev. N. F. Priestley.
Evening service at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. G. L. Hudson will sing solos from "The Messiah" (Handel) at the evening service.
Thursday lat. 8 p.m.—Sunday school Christmas treat.

On Sunday next the service at Trafalgar will be held at 2 p.m. and at Greenshields at 3:15 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S (R.C.) Church
On Friday night—Christmas Midnight Mass.
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Christmas Trees for Sale—All sizes at moderate prices.—See H. A. Clute, Imperial Lbr Co. 22-12.

JANUARY 20 MAY BE DATE SET FOR NEXT PROVINCIAL SESSION

Although no date has definitely been fixed upon by the executive council of the government it is probable that the next session of the provincial legislature will be called for some time about Jan. 20th. For some time it has been freely admitted by Premier Stewart and other ministers of the government that the next session would be summoned earlier than for the past two or three years. A few days ago it was reported that in all probability the house would assemble about January 15th. However, it is now given out on good authority that the re-opening will not be before the 20th, and if the present plans hold this date will likely be determined upon when the ministers are all in the city and a regular meeting of the council is held.
A fairly long session appears to be in prospect, since by convening earlier the house will be able to devote more time to business than was the case last session when the opening took place early in February and only by dint of steady grinding and a long period of the night sittings was the programme completed by April. It was conceded by the government leaders on more than one occasion during the last session that it would be hopeless to expect any future session to be confined to a space of two months.

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M. D. OF WALE HOLD REG. MEETING

Councillors Present Messrs. Gould, Snyder, Brown, Foster and McPherson.
The following resolutions were adopted:
Foster—That the minutes be adopted as read.
Gould—That a road be established running east and west on the quarter line of section 11-12-4w4.

Snyder—That the Secretary notify ratepayers whose land is affected on section 11-42-4w4.
Gould—That the Secretary write the Department of Municipal Affairs stating that the Municipality have been unable to procure an assessor and as the season is now so far advanced that the work cannot be satisfactorily carried on and ask them to grant an extension of time until the spring of 1921 to have the work done.

Gould—That the question of a District Highway be tabled.

McPherson—That Reeve Gould be and hereby is appointed delegate to the Municipal convention.

Gould—That Councillor Foster be and hereby is appointed delegate to the Municipal convention.

Foster—That Councillor Snyder be and hereby is appointed alternative delegate in case that Reeve is unable to go to the convention.

Gould—That F. Elbersen's bill for land be tabled for further information.

Snyder—That Mr. Villiers bill for \$70 be paid.

Snyder—That Milne Bros. bill be tabled.

McPherson—That Western Municipal News Co's bill be paid.

Brown—That The Wainwright Star bill be paid.

Snyder—That The Galtie Lbr. Co's bill be paid.

McPherson—That S. Gray & Clendenning's bill be paid.

Foster—That Imperial Lbr Co's bill be paid.

Snyder—That Beaver Lbr Co's bill be paid.

Gould—That A. P. Stafford's bill be paid.

Brown—That G. Johnston's bill be paid.

Brown—That Councillor Snyder's bill for road supervision Councillor's fees and mileage be paid.

Snyder—That the Reeves bill for meetings, mileage and road supervision be paid.

Foster—That Councillor Brown's bill for road supervision meetings and mileage be paid.

McPherson—That Councillor Foster's bill for road supervision meetings and mileage be paid.

Foster—That the Secretary's bill for salary and postage be paid.

Snyder—That J. B. Scott's time sheets be accepted.

Gould—That Foster's time sheets be accepted.

Snyder—That Larson and Hunter's time sheets be accepted.

Brown—That the following time sheets be accepted, viz: Messrs. Byrnes, Swanson, Johnstones, Began, Etinger, Ward Brown, Pawsey, and Dempsey.

Brown—That the Secretary notify M. C. Mortenson to move

his fence at the road diversion at the N. E. corner of the N.W. 1/4 of 21-41-4w4.

Snyder—That the upset price of land under the Tax Recovery Act Sale on November 15th, 1920 be the amount of arrears, and costs against each parcel.

Gould—That Councillor Snyder be the representative of Vale M. D. at the Tax Sale and to buy in land at the upset price.

Snyder—That the next meeting of the council be held at the office of the Secretary, November 27th, 1920.

Gould—That this meeting adjourn.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR FARMERS SONS

No line of business requires so much knowledge of a mechanical kind as that of the farmer. The modern farm is supplied with labor-saving implements and machinery and in their efficient use the farmer must either gain a knowledge of their mechanism or employ some one who has it. Instruction in the mechanical principles and construction of farm machinery is a new field which is becoming more important in modern farm operations, with the increased production of machinery to lighten the burden and expense of farm life.

Farm machinery is complicated and gets out of repair. It is constructed on fundamental principles, and it employs the parts of machinery and in their efficient use the farmer must either gain a knowledge of their mechanism or employ some one who has it. Instruction in the mechanical principles and construction of farm machinery is a new field which is becoming more important in modern farm operations, with the increased production of machinery to lighten the burden and expense of farm life.

Conferences in farm mechanics for farmers are now given at many institutions of learning on this continent, and it will be of interest to every farmer in Alberta to know that the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art at Calgary which opened on November 8th has included in the list of courses such subjects as farm machinery, farm forging, farm carpentry, gas engine, motor and tractor operation and repair. While farming is his main business, the mechanical work done during the intervals when his time is not otherwise occupied will ensure a working equipment when less of time means money.

GET THE POINT OF THE FOLLOWING?

Behold a certain man owed two hundred dollars.
And as the time of the payment drew nigh a friend came to him and said unto him, "will thou have the two hundred dollars with which to pay thy debt?" And the certain man answered him "I have not."
And the friend said unto him "Hast thou not some debtor who oweth to thee two hundred dollars?" And he answered that alas he had not.

And the friend said unto him: "Hast thou not some debtor who oweth to thee two hundred dollars?" And he answered: "Yea, verily and many others likewise."

And the friend said: "Go, then, get thee busy among thy small debtors and collect thy just debts. For, behold, they that owe thee should pay their debts."

And the certain man was the publisher of a weekly newspaper and the certain debtors were his subscribers!

Reader—What sayest thou to these things?

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SEMI-WEEKLY EDITION

MY CHRISTMAS BURGLARY

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silver. He held wig and beard to ward the window, and let the moonlight play over them. "On with them, quick. . . . And the boots." Again he dived into the room, and produced a pair of slippers, the long ankle leathers trimmed over with cotton-wool, to represent snow. It's lucky they each a good way up the leg, seeing the cloak is a trifle short for a man of your inches." He stepped back a pace and surveyed me, as I fitted on the beard.

"There are punishments and punishments," said I. "And I hope whatever your game may be, you'll remember that there's punishment in dressing up like a toff."

"Ah, but you'll catch the spirit of it!" he assured me; and then rubbing his hands, he appeared to muse for a moment. "I ought," said he, with a glance towards the fireplace, "I really ought to send Father Christmas down by way of the chimney. The flue opens just above here, and I believe I am not very sure if my housekeeper had it swept last spring. No, he decided, 'the music has ceased and we must lose no time. I will spare you the chimney.'"

He called to his rabbits, picked them up as they came hopping from behind the curtains, popped them into his hat, shut it with a snap, and lo! they had vanished. "You'll excuse me," I ventured as he stepped to the door, "but—but the few articles here in the bag—"

"Oh, bring them along with you; bring them along by all means! We shall have a present or two to make, down below." From the head of the staircase we looked down into a hall gaily lit with paper lanterns. Holly and ivy wreathed the broad balustrade and the old pictures around the walls. A bunch of mistletoe hung from a great chandelier that sparkled with hundreds of glass prisms, and under it a couple of footmen in gilt liveries and powder crossed at the moment, each carrying a tray of jellies and syllabubs. They were well-trained.

"Father Christmas, now! Make way for Father Christmas!" The infection took me, and stumbling down from the stage by the stairway, I fell to distributing the largesse left and right. The first hagglard carried me less a third of the way down the robor for I gave with both hands, and when a blind child fumbled long with a toy, dropped it at his feet, and tried another, and yet another till his smile suited me. The dropped toys lay where they had fallen. The spirit of the game had mingled me reckless; and I halted with a cold shiver as my fingers touched the gems at the bottom of the bag.

I was aware that my store was exhausted, and as yet two-thirds of the children had received no gift. I turned all in a cold shiver—to retrace my steps and pick up the toys at the blind children's feet, and as I did so felt myself a bungler past pardon. But in the act of turning, I cast a look back at the stage; and there stood Mr. Felix, nodding approval and beckoning. So, as in a dream, I went back. "Capital!" was his comment. Taking my bag, he passed his cloak over it again and again handed it to me, stuffed to the brim.

Thrice I returned it to him; but the third refill was a scanty one, for by this time there lacked but half-a-score of the taller children to be satisfied. To these, too I distributed their gifts, and when every eager pair of hands had been laden, I wheeled about for the next word of command. But Mr. Felix had skipped down from the stage letting the curtain fall behind him. He stood with his back to me, waving both arms to the orchestra, and as the musicians plunged at the opening bars of the Toy Symphony, the curtain rose, almost as soon as it had dropped; and rose upon a scene representing a street with shops decked for Christmas, and snow upon their eaves and window ledges.

Then, still to the strains of the Toy Symphony, a Harlequin ran in, with a Clown, whom he twisted upon his bent knee, and tossed lightly through the upper window of a baker's shop, himself diving a moment later, with a slap of his wand, through the flap of a fishmonger's slide, came the clown, with red-hot poker the Pantaloon tripping over his stick, and two Constables wreathed in strings of delicious looking sausages. The Clown boxed the ears of the Pantaloon's ears; who passed on the buffet to the Constables, and all plunged together into the fishmonger's. The Clown emerged, grinning with a stolen silver, passed it into the hands of the Pantaloon, who followed, and was in turn pursued off the scene by the Constable; but the fishmonger, issuing last in chase, ran



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HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST

BORN—To Mr and Mrs W. A. Prosser, of town, on December 17th, a son.

BORN—To Mr and Mrs W. St. John, of town, on December 18th, a son.

Parents are asked to read the School Board Notice on page four and act accordingly.

The stores have arranged to keep open in the evening for the balance of this week but, still "Shop Early."

The congregation of St Thomas (Anglican) church are asked to remember the change in the hours of service on Christmas Day as follows—First service at 8.30 a.m., second service at 11 a.m.

Read Bowerman's Advt. He wants to give YOU a "Lighter Day" range free of cost. There is a washing machine for somebody too. Drop in and talk about it.

Farmers! Don't forget that those participation certificates are valueless after December 31st. Bring them in to the bank at once and get the money.

Geo Smith had a successful sale on Tuesday at his farm near Ruffstone, when auctioneer Stuart got some real good prices.

Mr Ray Hutchison has returned home to Delburne after a stay in town.

Mrs C. A. Davies is planning to spend the holiday at Biggar, Sask.

A real good time was spent at the dance on Friday last which was given by the Wainwright orchestra in the theatre.

Mr Geo. L. Hudson, was a week end visitor to the city, returning home with Mrs Hudson who was singing there in the oratorio last week.

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The kiddies are now enjoying their winter vacation, the school closing down on Friday last, until Tuesday, January 4th 1921.

Principal and Mrs C. C. Bremner leave today for Grand Prairie, Alta, to which district Mr Bremner has been assigned in his new position as school inspector.

All the school teachers are now on holiday for Christmas vacation, most of them having left for their homes at other points.

Messrs W. H. Wilhite and son have purchased the old Kemp blacksmith shop on Queen street. They were formerly in business at Vermilion.

Christmas Trees for Sale—All sizes at moderate prices.—See H. A. Clute, Imperial Lbr Co. 22-12c.

Mr W. H. Wilhite arrived with his family this week from Vermilion, and will go into business as a wheelwright and blacksmith.

The many friends of Mrs H. W. McLeod will be glad to know that she is somewhat better now after an acute attack of pleurisy last week end.

Monty's Free Christmas Gift is sure a humdinger! The only limit to the gift is the amount of your own purchase. Read his Advt. and then see him about this.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

STRAYED—To the premises of A. L. Dietrich 32-45-7-44 Fabyan; Black (or blue) and White Steer; small in size; no visible brands; warts on neck.—owner may expenses and remove same.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Wyandotte Cockerels; handsome birds; First come, first choice.—Mrs Peter McNeill, 7th avenue E., town

A full report of the combined school entertainment given at Park Road last evening will appear in our next issue.

The youngsters attending the Presbyterian S. S. are to have "big doins" tomorrow (Thursday) night, when Santa Claus will be on hand. The parents also are invited to be in attendance.

During his stay in town at the week end, the Rev. Dr. McQueen was the guest of Mrs B. N. Fraser.

The date is set for New Year's Eve for the Veterans' Ball, so procure your tickets early at either of the drug or hardware stores.

Grace Methodist Sunday school are having their annual Christmas treat to-morrow (Tuesday) evening and a hearty welcome is extended to parents to be present.

We are very sorry to learn that Mrs Fred McLeod has left for specialist treatment in the city on account of bad health, and extend hopes of her speedy recovery.

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Mrs C. H. Bribe is spending a short holiday with relatives in Winnipeg.

Mr and Mrs D. J. Brine, of Calgary, are here on their honeymoon, and are the guests of Mr Brine's parents.

Give the kiddies a Xmas tree! See H. A. Clute at the Imperial Lumber Co. all sizes 22-12c.

Flocks of Redpolls are frequent to be seen during the last few days. They are birds slightly smaller than the English sparrow, with dark red patches on the poll or top of the head. The males also, an oddity—peculiar to most animals—excepting man—being that the male is handsomer than the female. The Redpoll is otherwise a grey color. They are gregarious and live on the weed seeds they find above the snow.

Join the Community League!

Genial Joe Pejin, was the center of some excitement last week when something broke on his cutter and his high stepping tried to run away. Although they tipped the cutter over, Joe hung on to the lines and with the assistance of Eric McLean brought them to a stop in front of the Atlas Lumber Co's office, without damage.

Bill Stuart will be "knocking 'em down" at the auction sale on the McNaughton farm 26-46-9-4, (7 miles north of Irma) on December 29th.

Big preparations are on foot for the annual banquet in Edmonton of the R. N. W. M. P. veterans on January 6th next. They will be regaled with some fine buffalo meat from the park here.

Mr and Mrs A. Blackwell and daughter Merle, and Mrs J. McLean are guests at the home of Mrs Robt. Kenny this week. They are from Bethune, Sask.

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